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Sir:

In reply to the Examiner's Office Action dated January 10, 2002, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

A1
3. (Amended) The absorbent article according to claim 1, wherein said nonwoven material has a ~~basis~~ weight of 30 to 45 g/m².

Please add the following claims:

A2
--5. The backsheet according to claim 4, wherein the nonwoven material has a basis weight of 20 to 50 g/m².